

tentious Dick had been first oar of a champion college crew, and the best all-around man in general gymnasium practice.

"I'll make you swallow your words!" gritted out Archie, trying to appear terrible. "One blow and—haw!"

The breath was nearly squeezed out of his body. He had aimed a cruel blow at his adversary. It was dexterously evaded. His foe had clinched with him. A rapid manipulation of "jū jitsu" tactics baffled him, made him a mere child in the hands of an expert. He was flung back, his head struck the pavement and he lay there insensible.

A crowd soon gathered. One person brought some water, a second drew away the clothing of the unconscious braggart.

"Hello!" exclaimed this latter, as his probing hand met a bunch of massed cloth across the shoulders. "Padded—and his arm muscles, too! Say, here's a fraud for you!"

The padded athlete sneaked out of town that night. Travers followed suit the next day. It was as well, for when Dick tenderly carried poor, crippled Beauty back to its mistress, there were tears, gratitude, and, in that sentimental moment, he told his love.



JAPANESE SHOWER THE THING FOR EASTER BRIDE

Why not give a Japanese shower for the girl friend who is to be married at Easter time? You'll be surprised to find what pretty and useful Japanese furnishings you can get for the bride's new home.

The blue Japanese towels, which come at 60 cents apiece, make most acceptable lunch cloths if sewed together, or may be used in strips through center of table. Then there are the regular lunch cloths in different sizes, and dollies to match, as well as napkins. A set of curtains for a breakfast or dining room may be

made from the towels and a valance over the top.

Teapots, sugar and creamer in blue, cups and saucers with plates to match, can be bought for 10 cents a piece. Salt and pepper shakers, a set of four, with a few small dishes for marmalade, pickles and an oblong blue tray for sandwiches, make a complete luncheon set at very little expense.

A deep blue dish in which to put the numerous little Japanese houses and bridges filled with water, with pieces of horse radish roots that sprout and make a whole city, is a beautiful center piece for the table and quite the fad just now.

If the bride likes birds, a singing bird in a bamboo-splint cage, with blue and white seed cups in it, will be an acceptable gift.

Condiment sets, toast racks, celery sets consisting of tray and salt dishes, ramakins, sugar shakers, mustard pots with ivory ladle, vase for holding one rose, Japanese bell for table, incense pot, stamp box in brass, ink well in brass, basket for cakes with bamboo. Lamp and candle shades of split bamboo are more expensive gifts, but some one may want to give them.

Luncheon of tea and rice cakes should be served, using Japanese towels for lunch cloth and paper napkins and paper cherry blossoms for floral decorations.



APPLE PIE WITH CUSTARD

Line pie tin with rich crust. Bake a little before putting in the filling. To three egg yolks add one teacup of sugar, pinch of salt and beat until very light. Add one cup of milk and a cup of apple sauce. Turn into pie shell and bake in moderate oven until custard is firm. Beat the whites of two eggs to a stiff dry froth. Add three tablespoons of powdered sugar. Beat until smooth. Put on top of pie. Return to oven for a few minutes until meringue is a delicate brown.